

REMARKS

Applicant has considered the pending Office Action and references cited and have elected to amend the pending claims to more clearly describe the inventions. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No new matter is added with these amendments.

RESPONSE TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS BASED UPON ASSERTED PRIOR ART

Each of claims 1-36 stands rejected under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,260,064 to Kurzrok and/or Kurzrok in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,473,084 to Philips. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in view of the amendments made to the claims. Specifically, each of the two independent claims (claims 1 and 15) have been amended to clarify distinctions between the present invention and the Kurzrok and Philips references. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the “security means for implementing at least one security mechanism to limit the ability of users to plagiarize the work” performs this function by at least “including a timestamp associated with a time of first receipt of the work from the author and providing less than the entire work to the reader.” Claim 15 has been amended to recite that the step of “implementing at least one security mechanism to limit the ability of users to plagiarize the work” performs this function by at least” includes associating a timestamp with a time of first receipt of the work from the author and providing less than the entire work to the reader.”

Neither Kurzrok nor Philips disclose or suggest a system (claim 1) or a method (claim 15) that includes this feature. The only portions of Kuzrok allegedly disclose the ability to “ensuring that only authorized users have access to the system.” Thus, Kuzrok does not disclose or suggest using timestamping to track receipt of the work and providing less than the entire work. Philips fails to cure this deficiency.

Accordingly, Applicant’s amendments to clarify distinctions between the claims and the art of record traverse those rejections based on Kurzrok and Philips.

CONCLUSION

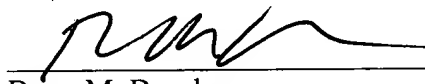
Applicant asserts that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and therefore this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow these claims and pass the application to issue.

If there are any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.11 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

If the Examiner has any remaining informalities to be addressed, prosecution can be expedited if the Examiner contacts the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such informalities.

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